tion of Foreign Trade Statistics of India. The Directorate comprises three main Divisions namely, Statistics wing, Electronic Data Processing wing and Commercial Intelligence wing.

(b) The publications entitled 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' (Vol. I & II) and 'Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by Countries' (Vol. I & II) containing detailed statistics of India's a exports and imports are supplied to the Lok Sabha Library for reference by Members of Parliament.

(c) The Publications of the Directorate are given in the Statement. (See below)

(d) The annual expenditure incurred on this Directorate during 1992-93 amounted to Rs. 320,29,977.

Statement

List of D. G. C. I *&* S' Publications

SI. No.	Name of the Publication
1.	Indian Trade Journal
2.	Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries)
3.	Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Vol. I & Vol. II)
4.	Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by Countries (Vol. I & Vol. II)
5.	Statistics of Customs & Excise Revenue Collection of India
6.	Statistics of Foreign & Coastal Cargo Movements of India
7.	Statistics of Indian Coasting Trade Con-singments of India
8.	Inter-State Movements/Flows of goods by Rail, River and Air
9.	Selected Statistics of Foreign Trade of India
10.	Directory of Indian Exporters
11.	Indian Trade Classification (Based on Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System).

Views of FIEO on Indo-South African Trade Relations

537. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 29th May, 1993 to the effect that Federation of Indian Export Organisation views South Africa as an emerging major business partner of India once the trade relations between the two countries are normalised;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the estimated amount of business likely to be done by India with South Africa if such a trading block is formed on acceptance of the views expressed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has allowed visits of trade delegations from India to South Africa and *vice- versa* for market survey, market identification etc. Government has also allowed export to South Africa of a few selected items of religio- cultural interest to the Indian ethnic com munity in South Africa. These items are (i) Indian films, (ii) Indian music records/audio and video cassettes/compact discs, (iii) Ganga- jal, (iv) All types of Kumkum including Kum- kum bindies, and (v) Sindoor.

EXIM Bank of India, has prepared a detailed report on the Indo-South African trade potential.

Besides this, the Private persons and organisations in India and South Africa have been allowed to participate in the International Trade Fair in each other's country by setting up information booths only.

(c) Presently, trade between India and South
Africa is banned. It is difficult to say when tile ban would be lifted as also the volume of trade
that would be generated therefrom.

Task Force for Implementing Liberalised Economic Policies

538. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN
SHRI VIREN J SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently set

up a six members task force under the Chairmanship of the Director-general of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to identify the lacunae in the implementation of liberalised economic policies which are perceived to be affecting the flow of foreign direct investment;

(b) if so, what is the composition, objects, terms of reference and functions of the Task Force;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report, if so, what are the details of its recommendations; and

(d) what action Government have taken on each of its recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Members of the Task Force were drawn from different Ministries/Departments and basic objective of the Task Force was to study and make recommendations for promoting the flow of foreign investment in India. The Task Force has since submitted its report in which various measures for promoting flow of foreign investment in India have been suggested. The Task Force has also suggested certain procedural bottlenecks to be removed.

The report has been submitted very recently and will be examined at an early date.

539. *flhans/erred to 6th August, 1993]*

Proposal to Set up Joint Ventures with Germany

540. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some Joint Ventures with Germany;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Government facilitates the setting up of joint ventures by overseas investors, including those from Germany.

(b) Details of approved German investment in India are as and under:

Year	Total	Financial	Amount (Rs. in Million)
1991	157	35	418.0
1992	201	83	862.7
1993 (Upto June 93)	89	38	986.8

(c) After getting Government's approval for foreign investment an entrepreneur has to take several effective steps for implementing the project. Besides, the gestation period for an industrial project also varies from industry to industry and project to project. The above approvals have been issued only after the announcement of the new Industrial Policy in July, 1991 and therefore, it is too early to expect substantial implementation/inflow of foreign investment materialising from these approvals.

Anti-Dumping Action by EEC and US

541. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether EEC and the US have been increasingly resorting to anti-dumping action against the country contrary to the spirit of GATTs Anti-Dumping Code of 1979:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating its overall impact on the Indian exports; and

(c) the action plan, if any formulated by Government in pursuance of the Chelliah Committee recommendation to protect the domestic producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Anti-dumping actions are directed at the pricing policies of the individual companies.

US has imposed anti-dumping duty on